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UKRAINIAN SCIENTISTS DEVELOP
NEW BUILDING MATERIAL

NEW MATERIAL LIGHT, CHEAP -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 137, 12 Jun 49

The Institute of Construction Materials, Academy of Architecture Ukrainian SSR, has developed a method for producing a new material, "mikroporit," which is made of clay, lime, and sand. It can be used as building material for walls in low buildings and as a heat insulator for tall buildings and ceilings. The lightness of the material is a result of its porous structure. The cost per one square meter of mikroporit wall is about one third of the cost of a brick wall.

The Darnitskiy Silica Brick Plant in Kiev has produced the first lot of construction parts made of the new material.

UKRAINIAN BRICK AND TILE PLANT BUILT -- Pravda Ukrainskaya, No 134, 9 Jun 49

A mechanized brick and tile plant has been constructed in the village of Karpovka, Artemovskiy Rayon, Stalino Oblast. The plant has already produced the first consignment of thousands of tiles. It has pledged to issue half a million before the end of the year.

LITHUANIAN GLASS PLANT EXPANDS -- Sovetskaya Litva, No 137, 12 Jun 49

The "Alekstas" Glass Plant in Kaunas has been steadily exceeding its production plans and increasing the output of first-class products. During the first quarter, the plant made a profit of 100,000 rubles above plan. At the same time, steps are being taken to expand production. Another tank furnace is being installed for the production of white glass.

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TUFF MINING SEASON BEGINS IN CAUCASUS -- Stalinskoye Znamya, No 74, 16 Apr 49

The season for mining volcanic tuff has begun in Kabardin ASSR. Tuff is a valuable building material. It is considerably stronger than brick, also frost-resistant, and easy to handle.

CHITA LIME PLANT BEATS PLAN -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 87, 5 May 49

The Olovyaninskii Lime Plant (director, A. Cheredov), Chita Oblast, fulfilled the April plan 132 percent and saved 60,000 rubles in the first quarter by decreasing production costs.

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